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Amendment and Response

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**AMENDMENT**

Applicants hereby amend the specification and claims of the application in the manner shown below. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter these amendments.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please delete the first paragraph that appears under "Field of the Invention" in the specification at page 1, lines 11-18, and replace that paragraph with the replacement paragraph that appears below.

--This patent application is a continuation-in-part patent application of ~~pending~~ nonprovisional patent application U.S. Serial No. 10/408,072, filed on April 4, 2003, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part patent application of ~~pending~~ nonprovisional patent application U.S. Serial No. 10/176,411, filed on June 19, 2002, now abandoned, from prior provisional patent application U.S. Serial No. 60/348,543, filed on January 16, 2002, now abandoned. U.S. Serial No. 10/408,072, U.S. Serial No. 10/176,411 and U.S. Serial No. 60/348,543 are each incorporated by reference in their entireties herein. This patent application claims the benefit of provisional patent application U.S. Serial No. 60/348,543.--

Please also delete the Abstract of the Disclosure ("abstract") that appears in the specification at page 88, lines 1-22, and replace that abstract with the replacement abstract that appears below.